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Cold war over orders brewing in MUDA?

- Chairman issues two directives to staff; says those are in public interest
- Commissioner clarifies he has full control over employees as per law

Mysuru, Feb. 10 (RK&BCT)- Ever since the transfer episode of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh began to unfold, there seems to be a cold war between the Commissioner and MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev. This stalemate has caused confusion among the MUDA officers as to whose orders have to be obeyed.

Dr. Natesh has been transferred out of MUDA twice and he continues in the post following a ruling by Karnataka Administrative Tribunal (KAT) that has stayed his transfer orders as Dr. Natesh had questioned his premature shifting from the post. Armed with the KAT order, he is discharging his duties at present.

KAS Officer G.T. Dinesh Kumar, who had come to occupy Dr. Natesh's place, had to return to his parent posting following the KAT ruling favouring Dr. Natesh and he has now approached the Karnataka High Court.

In the midst of all this, Rajeev has sent a note to the Commissioner and staff on Tuesday asking them not to take any major decision on MUDA affairs or policies as there is a case in the High Court regarding the transfer of the MUDA Commissioner.

The note, seen as a move to curtail the powers of the Commissioner, stated that before any policy decision is taken regarding MUDA administration, the Commissioner, section heads and the staff should wait till the matter is adjudicated in the Court.

'I have no personal grudge against anyone'

There is no cold war in MUDA and I am functioning as MUDA Commissioner as the KAT has stayed my premature transfer.

I am efficiently discharging my duties and will continue to do so as a Government servant. I have no personal grudge against anyone and my intention is to do good work before I leave office. As a Commissioner, the law allows me to have control over the staff and the Chairman doesn't have powers here. I have no idea on what basis the Chairman has issued directions to the staff and section heads not to discharge their duties till the Court hears the transfer case."

—Dr. D.B. Natesh, Commissioner, MUDA

'I have received complaints from public'

I have received a series of complaints from the public regarding gross delay in MUDA issuing Khata and Khata modification.

These powers have been handed over to six MUDA Special Tahsildars as there has to be decentralisation of powers and delay must be avoided. Earlier too, the Special Tahsildars had the authority on Khata and it was handed over to the MUDA Secretary eventually. Usually, the MUDA Secretary is busy with other work and that is why I have issued this order. There is no intention of curtailing powers of any officer. I have done it in public interest."

—H.V. Rajeev, Chairman, MUDA

In another note, the Chairman has asked Special Tahsildars of all six MUDA Zones to issue Khatas and modify Khatas. The Commissioner and the MUDA Secretary have been kept out of these powers. Rajeev has argued that the Khata issuing and modification powers have been given to Special Tahsildars in public interest and to decentralise powers. There is no intention of curtailing any officer's powers, he clarified.

(See MUDA on page 7)

UP Assembly elections Phase-1: 35 percent voting in first six hours

New Delhi, Feb. 10 (Agencies)- The battle for Uttar Pradesh — said to be the semi-final before the general election of 2024 — began this morning. 58 constituencies in the crucial western part of the State, the hub of farmers' protest, are polling amid a four-cornered contest.

As many as 623 candidates including 73 women are in the fray for the first phase and around 2.28 crore voters including 1.24 crore men and 1.04 crore women besides others are eligible to cast their franchise, officials of the State Election Commission said.

An average voter turnout of 35 percent was recorded across the 58 seats till 1 pm. Among the prominent candidates in the first phase are Pankaj Singh, sitting MLA from Noida and son of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Baby Rani Maurya, former Uttarakhand Governor, who is contesting from Agra Rural.

Polling began at 7 am and voting will continue till 6 pm, and the counting of votes will take place on March 10. The 11 districts where the elections are being held today are Shamli, Hapur, Gautam Buddh Nagar, Muzaffarnagar, Meerut, Baghpat, Ghaziabad, Bulandshahr, Aligarh, Mathura and Agra.

Following some complaints of EVM & VVPAT malfunction, Chief Electoral Officer Ajay Kumar Shukla said they are being addressed immediately. "Law and order is maintained at all polling stations and voting is underway peacefully," he said.

In 2017, BJP had bagged 53 of the 58 seats, while the Samajwadi Party (SP) and the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) had got two seats each. One seat had gone to the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD).

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

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Training in first-aid for industrial workers and supervisors tomorrow

DCP Pradeep Gunti to inaugurate

Mysuru, Feb. 10- Nanjangud Industries Association (NIA) along with the Department of Factories and Boilers, Industrial Safety and Health, Government of Karnataka, Mysuru Division, has jointly organised the 71st one-day training programme in first-aid for industrial workers and supervisors tomorrow (Feb.11).

Pradeep Gunti

DCP Pradeep Gunti will inaugurate the programme at Hotel Shree Guru Residency, JLB Road Cross, Mysuru, at 9 am. It will conclude at 5.30 pm.

M.S. Mahadevu, Deputy Director of Factories, Industrial Safety & Health, Mysuru, will preside.

The need for first-aid is greater than ever because of the increased use of machines and electric appliances in every day work at home, work place etc.

As per the statutory compliance, in every industry certain number of employees should be trained in first-aid and they should know the important procedure for treating the causality. They should also know the procedure of calling the ambulance and shifting the injured to the hospital for further treatment.

The faculty for this programme is an experienced Doctor Dr. Prakash, Secretary, St.John's Ambulance Association, Mysuru Chapter. The programme will be presented through lectures, discussions, interactions and demonstrations.

For details contact the Manager, Nanjangud Industries Association, 1st Cross, Industrial Area, Nanjangud-571302 or Ph: 08221-295297 or Mob:97393-37316, according to a press release from B.S. Chandrashekhar, NIA Secretary.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Wealth tax was abolished in the Union Budget for Financial Year 2016... The narrative is now changing. Even among the billionaires. Wealth tax cannot be seen anymore as an anti-growth impost. It is a tool to transfer back assets to those at the bottom who have taken a hammering. Oxfam's report argues that by taxing the super-rich just 1% of their wealth, India could fund its entire vaccination programme of Rs. 50,000 crore. Parallelly, we have to move towards a Universal Basic Income. It's on the agenda in the West where a guaranteed income from the State works as a bulwark against poverty. Instead of allocations for subsidised food, fertiliser, etc., direct cash transfers to the poor works better. The Congress' Rahul Gandhi has spoken of a basic income guarantee of Rs. 6,000 a month. Where will it come from? In September 2019, before the pandemic, the Government had slashed corporate tax rates for domestic manufacturers from 30 percent to 22 percent, and for new manufacturing companies, the rate was reduced from 25 percent to 15 percent. These tax cuts cost the exchequer Rs. 1.5 lakh crore. Money is being made. Has the Government the will to claim it for the poor?

— *Gurbir Singh in The New Indian Express*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Boy breaks internet with his feminine looks

Tokyo: Idegami Baku looks like she should be in a popular idol group, only she is actually a 19-year-old boy with perhaps the most striking androgynous appearance in the world.

Men using makeup and photo manipulation technology to pose as women online has become a really popular trend in recent years, but no one does it better than"the most feminine boy in the world," Idegami Baku. Idegami back in 2018, rose to fame following his participation in Japan's popular talent contest JUNON Super Boy, where his feminine looks first caught the public's eye. Even though he didn't win the contest, people couldn't get over how pretty he looked and he amassed a massive online following on social media in record time.

Man tests positive for COVID-19 for 78 times

Istanbul: A 56-year-old man from Turkey has spent the last fourteen months of his life in isolation, testing positive for Covid-19 no less than 78 times ever since becoming infected in November, 2020.

Muzaffer Kayasan from Turkey has been confined to hospitals and his own home for over a year and is desperately looking for a way to get back to his old life. After becoming infected with a strain of the coronavirus back in November 2020, Kaysan was hospitalised and treated until his illness became less severe.

He got over the worse symptoms of COVID-19, but the virus remained in his system and every test he has undergone since has turned out positive, forcing him to remain in isolation, either in the hospital or at home.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Egg quality means how capable an egg is of being fertilised and going through the developmental stages to form a viable embryo. This is largely determined by two factors: the number of chromosomes present within the egg, and the energy supply of the egg. Both factors tend to reduce over time with age.

By Dr. Madhura Phatak - Consultant Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Admission for M.Tech in Tool Engineering course at GTTC

Mysuru, Feb. 10- Government Tool Room & Training Centre (GTTC), Mysuru, has invited applications for admission to M.Tech in Tool Engineering (two years) for the academic year 2021-22 from candidates who have passed B.E /A.M.IE in Mechanical/Industrial Production/Automobile/Automation & Robotics Engineering and Marine Engineering.

The training offered by GTTC is well received by the industries and the trained personnel from GTTC are employed in the engineering sector within the country and many of them have become entrepreneurs. GTTC, Mysuru centre is well equipped with CNC machines, 3D printing and Robos of robotics.

GTTC will organise a campus interview for those students who completed training. For additional information contact Government Tool Room & Training Centre, Plot No. 93 & 94, Belagola Industrial Area, Mysuru-570 016 or Mob: 92439-89954 or 91416-30303 or 78924-98523.

Staging of play on Feb. 13

Mysuru, Feb.10 - The Diploma students of Natana School of Theatre Arts will be re-staging the play 'Bethale arasana raja rahasya' at the School premises in Ramakrishnanagar on Feb. 13 at 6.30 pm. The play is directed by Mandya Ramesh. Stage adaptation by Kusuma Ayarahalli. For details, contact Mob: 72595-37777 or 98455-95505.

REALLY...?

- *Chicken and goat are the least water intensive meats to consume.*
- *30% of fresh water is in the ground.*
- *1.7% of the world's water is frozen and therefore unusable.*
- *300 tons of water are required to manufacture 1 ton of steel.*
- *An acre of corn will give off 4,000 gallons of water per day in evaporation.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Two 7-year-old boys from the mountains were riding a train to the city for the first time. For a snack, the attendant gave them bananas. The boys had never eaten such a fruit. Billy started to eat his banana, and the train entered a tunnel. He yelled, *"Johnny, don't eat it! I took two bites and went blind!"*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.95
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.42
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.40
1 Euro	= Rs. 85.60

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	FEBRUARY 8	FEBRUARY 9
Day's Positive Cases	222	293
Total Positive Cases	2,27,458	2,27,751
Day's Discharges	1,028	820
Total Discharges	2,21,860	2,22,680
Day's Deaths	3	2
Total Deaths	2,538	2,540
Total Active Cases	3,060	2,531

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

Stop littering around Lingambudhi Lake

Sir,

It was heartening to read in *Star of Mysore* about students from NIE Institute of Technology (NIEIT) clearing heaps of plastic garbage from Lingambudhi Lake area recently.

Lingambudhi Lake is a beautiful landmark in Mysuru whose ambience reminds me of some lakes I have walked around in developed countries.

Sadly, the last time I went there, one path was blocked with garbage and others had garbage strewn on the side including empty liquor bottles.

As a follow up to this effort, the citizens and the Mysuru City Corporation should continue cooperating to keep the area clean. The people by not littering and the Corporation by regular monitoring and clearing of garbage from that lake area.

—Dr. Usha Srinath
Saraswathipuram
8.2.2022

Online Video Making contest on Social Issues held

Mysuru, Feb. 10- Emporia, the Marketing Club of Department of MBA, GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru, had organised an online Video Making Competition "Camera Rolling Action!" with the theme "Social Issues" on Feb. 7.

The event was conducted online and had invited entries from different PG and UG Colleges. The purpose of the event was to make an impact on young minds about prevailing social issues, which resulted in receiving several videos on topics like Drug Addiction, Poverty, Depression, Domestic Violence etc.

The event was judged by Srilakshmi Varma, Lead UI/UX designer at Zivame, Bengaluru, who has over 15 years of experience in design and branding and served as an Art Director at leading advertising agencies.

Prize-winners: The competition had overwhelming response by participants. Allen Denny and Sucheta Bhattacharya from School of Business and Management, Christ University, Bengaluru, won the first prize while J. Meghana and D. Amogh of B.N. Bahadur Institute of Management Sciences, Mysuru, won the second prize.

The participants were judged based on the criteria like Originality and Creativity, Technical Quality, Visual Appeal, Narrative and Impact. The winners were awarded with cash prizes.

Dr. G. Nagalingappa, Professor & Head, Department of MBA and Director - Strategic Initiatives, GSSSIETW, welcomed. S. Souparnika, Assistant Professor, introduced the judge. Dr. Aparna J. Varma, Associate Professor, proposed a vote of thanks. K.V. Shambhavi of III Sem - Marketing, compered the programme.

Exams to be held as scheduled, says Minister

Dr. Ashwathnarayan

Bengaluru, Feb.10- Even as the head-scarf-saffron shawl row has snowballed into a major issue forcing the Government to declare a three-day holiday for educational institutions since yesterday, Minister for Higher Education Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan said that the exams for various courses will be held as scheduled earlier.

Speaking to presspersons here on Wednesday, Dr. Ashwathnarayan said that the Government has declared a three-day holiday for all classes from standard nine and above. The holiday is applicable to all Degree, Diploma and Professional Colleges as well, he said adding that the Government has taken this decision as a Law and Order measure. Though the Government has declared the holiday, it will not alter the exam schedules, he said adding that educational institutions have taken the online mode to make up for the academic loss.

City Traffic Cops clear footpath encroachments

Mysuru, Feb. 10 (MTY&KS)- Following complaints by the public on footpath encroachments, Krishnaraja (KR) Traffic Police, who swung into action, conducted an operation and cleared footpath encroachments near RTO (West) Office, Ballal Circle, in front of City Law Courts Complex and surrounding places yesterday afternoon and made way for the pedestrians.

The K.R. Traffic Police had received many complaints of footpath encroachments by fast food, petty shops, fruits and vegetable vendors, tea shops at Ballal Circle, RTO (West) office and surrounding places following which K.R. Traffic Inspector D. Manjunath, Sub-Inspector Pooja, Assistant Sub-Inspectors (ASIs) Lokesh, Kantharaju and Puttaswamy, Head Constable H. Krishnamurthy and staff conducted an operation and got the encroachments cleared. Inspector Manjunath has warned of imposing fines if people encroach footpaths to conduct business.

Devotees forced to pay more at Nanjangud temple footwear stand

Mysuru, Feb.10 (RKB&DM)- Thousands of devotees visit the famed Srikanteshwara Temple at Nanjangud in the district, which is popularly known as Dakshina Kashi. But these devotees are forced to pay more for their footwear at the temple's shoe stand, in the absence of any notice board regarding footwear fee. As a convenience for thousands of devotees visiting Srikanteshwara temple everyday, the temple authorities have set up a footwear stand close to the temple and near the Dasoha Bhavan.

The temple authority has tendered the operation of these footwear stands, by fixing a fee.

But some devotees have complained that the footwear stand guards have been demanding exorbitant fee from them.

Accusing the footwear guards of charging more than Rs.5 per pair which is nothing but fleecing, they alleged that there is no notice board put up at the stand regarding fee. As such, they are forced to shell out whatever they are asked for, the devotees alleged.

Pointing out that a board that mentioned Rs.2 as fee has now been removed, they have urged the authorities to put an end to this fleecing by erecting a fee board at the footwear stand.

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Folk dance camp

Vishwajnani Samskrutika Kala Trust, Kollegal, has organised a folk dance training camp (Kamsale and Kolata) for college students at Dhvanyaloka on Bogadi Road, Mysuru, at 5 pm today (Feb. 10). Dr. M. Chandrappa, theatre artiste, writer and lecturer, Music University, Mysuru, will inaugurate. G.P. Goutham, Director, Mysuru Mime Team, will preside. Krishnamurthy Talakadu, President, Goutham Trust and folk thinker, will be the chief guest. H.N. Ankaraju, Founder-President, Vishwajnani Trust, Trainers Vishwanath L. Changachahalli and Krishnamurthy and Camp Directors H.N. Ankaraju and Varsha Saraswathi will be present.

Madhwa Namana

Mysuru Zilla Brahmana Yuva Vedike, Mysuru, has organised 'Madhwa Namana' as part of Madhwa Navami at Sri Krishnadhama in T.K. Layout at 6 pm today (Feb. 10). On the occasion, prizes will be distributed to the winners of Madhwanamotsava Keerthane Devaranama competition. MLAs S.A. Ramdas and L. Nagendra, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, MyLAC Chairman N.V. Phaneesh, Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji, K. Raghuram Vajpayee, BJP City President T.S. Srivatsa, Brahmin Development Board Director M.R. Balakrishna, Mysuru City Brahmana Sangha President D.T. Prakash, Soojiv Foundation Founder Rajaram Sundaramurthy, Congress youth leader N.M. Naveen Kumar, Jeevadara Girish, Sri Krishna Trust Vice-President Puttana Bhat, Mohan Bhat and others will take part.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	118.55	feet
Yesterday	:	118.60	feet
Inflow	:	650	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,189	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,281.93	feet
Inflow	:	136	cusecs
Outflow	:	400	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2856.89	feet
Inflow	:	154	cusecs
Outflow	:	50	cusecs

Mass murder at KRS village also a result of rivalry

- Victim had warned accused to stay away from her husband
- Accused wanted to kill paramour's wife to continue affair

Mandya, Feb. 10 (Mohan Raj&BCT)- Close on the heels of the Police making an arrest in the gruesome murder of five members of a family including four children on Bazaar Lane in Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) village on Saturday night, more details are coming out as a result of intense interrogation of the accused woman.

The motive of the murder is illicit relationship where the accused Lakshmi of Belavatha had an affair with the victim Lakshmi's husband Gangaram. The accused Lakshmi had known the family well and before she committed the crime she had come to their house on Bazaar Lane and had stayed with the family. Late in the night she killed Lakshmi whom she considered as a rival but four innocent children fell prey to her intentions.

It now transpires that the victim Lakshmi knew about her husband's illicit relationship and had warned the accused Lakshmi to stay away from her husband. In her confession statement given to the Police, the accused narrated the sequence of incidents that led to the murder and these details were revealed to the media by Mandya Superintendent of Police N. Yathish at a press conference held at his office yesterday.

Accused Lakshmi

The victim Lakshmi had warned the accused Lakshmi a couple of times to end her affair with her husband Gangaram. Not willing to do so, the accused went on to pester Gangaram to continue the relationship. Even Gangaram was avoiding the accused and had told her to stay away from him.

Machete from butcher's shop

An enraged Lakshmi thought that Gangaram's wife Lakshmi was the main stumbling block to her relationship and decided to eliminate the family. "Lakshmi's efforts to convince Gangaram to live with her did not materialise following which she decided on the murder. Lakshmi procured a machete from a butcher's shop in Mysuru and left for KRS village when Gangaram had gone out on a business trip," the Police said.

On the night of the murder, the accused Lakshmi has a fight with Gangaram's wife till late in the night and then assaulted her with the machete that the accused had hid in the bathroom of the house, the Police said.

Children caught in crossfire

After killing the victim Lakshmi, the accused turned her ire on the children who woke up following the commotion and fearing that they could turn out to be witnesses, Lakshmi assaulted them on the heads with the machete, killing them. The SP said that the accused had told the investigators that she did not have the intention of killing the children but wanted to eliminate only Gangaram's wife.

The accused Lakshmi returned the machete to the butcher's shop the next morning after thoroughly washing it. The SP had constituted a special squad to crack the mystery surrounding the case and following early detection, commendation certificates were given to the Police team.

The accused Lakshmi has been sent to judicial custody and the Police are still investigating the case to find out if any other persons are involved in the crime. Even the role of Gangaram is being probed though he has come clean so far, the SP added.

Additional SP Venugopal, Srirangapatna Dy.SP Sandesh Kumar were present along with the investigating team comprising Circle Inspectors Yogesh, Vivekananda, Puneeth Sumarani and Sub-Inspectors Manjunath, Girish, Lingaraju, Rekha and Ramesh.

Accused was inspired by 'Drishyam' film

In 2013, Jeethu Joseph's 'Drishyam' set the box-office in Kerala on fire and led to remakes in several languages including Kannada and Hindi. This particular family murder executed by the accused Lakshmi was inspired by the film's plot.

According to Srirangapatna Dy.SP Sandesh Kumar, the accused had confessed to the Police that the movie inspired her to commit the crime. "Lakshmi was a close relative of Gangaram and when he cut off communication with the accused, she bought a new SIM card in the name of her neighbour's wife. Using this SIM card, the accused called Gangaram and his wife and changed her voice while speaking. This was to drive a wedge between the couple who lived cordially," the Dy.SP told *Star of Mysore*.

He added that like in the movie, the accused tried her best to destroy evidence but was caught by meticulous investigation.

Three arrested for house burglary

Madikeri, Feb. 10 (KS)- Gonikoppa Police have arrested three persons on charges of committing house burglary at the house of one K.S. Machaiah at Athur village in Gonikoppa Police limits and have recovered gold ornaments including three gold coins and one gold chain weighing 16 grams, 30 grams silver articles including six silver coins and Rs. 1,600 cash, all totalling Rs. 76,600 from them.

The accused are 37-year-old Anand, a native of Guddenahalli in Periyapatna, 38-year-old Kumar, a native of Putani Nagar in Madikeri and 48-year-old Gopal, a resident of Alur in Hassan.

Details: On Aug, 5, 2021 at about 9 am, Machaiah left for his coffee estate at Ammathi after locking his house and when he returned in the evening and entered the house, he found the roof tiles removed. On inspecting the house, Machaiah found Rs. 50,000 cash, gold ornaments and silver articles missing and he lodged a complaint at Gonikoppa Police Station.

The Police, who registered a case, took up the investigation and on Feb. 7 arrested the three accused at Gonikoppa Circle.

Virajpet Sub-Division Dy.SP C.T. Jayakumar guided Gonikoppa Circle Inspector S.N. Jayaram. ASIs Subramani and Devaraju and staff H.K. Krishna, P.A. Mohammed Ali, M.D. Manu, Abdul Majid, Harish, Hemalatha Rai and Bashir in the nabbing and recovery operation.

Woman goes missing

Harshitha

Mysuru, Feb. 10- A 20-year-old woman, who left her house to attend the lab test at a College in city on Feb. 4, has since gone missing.

The missing woman is P. Harshitha, wife of J.K. Darshan. She is 4.9 ft. tall, wheatish complexioned, round faced, normal built, speaks Kannada and English and was wearing a jeans pant and top at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about Harshitha, may contact Lakshmipuram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418320 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

De-silting of Alanahalli Lake begins

Mysuru, Feb. 10 (MK&DM)- In yet another action regarding rejuvenation of lakes and other water bodies, city's Credit-I, in association with Asian Paints, have taken up de-silting of Alanahalli Lake in the outskirts of the city.

Credit-I Managing Trustee M.P. Varsha said that his organisation, in association with seven other organisations, has taken up de-silting of all Lakes in Mysuru and Nanjangud taluks, under 'Namma Jala Bhadrathe' Scheme.

Pointing out that with de-silting, the water storage capacity of lakes will increase to a great extent, he said that the removed silt will be given to farmers for enrichment of soil fertility. With the enrichment of soil fertility, the use of fertilisers will come down, he added. Mysuru Taluk Panchayat Executive Officer Ramesh launched the works. MNREGA Assistant Director Raghunath, Alanahalli Gram Panchayat PDO Ravi and Kiran Robert were present.

Oxen sold at Rs. 5 lakh a pair at Bettadapura Cattle Fair

Bettadapura, Feb. 10 (Shivdev &KS)- Cattle owners are arriving in large numbers along with their decorated cattle to display and sell them at Bettadapura Sri Sidlu Mallikarjunaswamy Cattle Fair in Periyapatna taluk.

Yesterday, oxen were sold for Rs. 5 lakh a pair and the major attraction at the cattle fair were the oxen with six teeth, reared by Madegowda of Kelaganahalli Doddekoppal near Bettadapura. Farmers from various places are visiting the fair to buy their choice of Hallikar breed cattle.

Farmers from Hassan, Kodagu, Chamarajanagar, Mysuru and Mandya districts are displaying and selling their cattle at the Jatra which has a history of hundreds of years. As the prices of cattle has skyrocketed, rearing a pair of cattle has become very costly and hence, many farmers are opting for modern agriculture methods, while farmers who are rearing cattle are arriving to the Jatra and performing seva by climbing Sidlu Mallikarjunaswamy Betta. As the cattle fair at Chunchanakatte was not held for many days, cattle owners are bringing their cattle to Bettadapura Cattle Fair and are selling them.

Following the District Administration banning the Jatra Rathotsava, which was to be held on Feb. 17 and has allowed only puja in the temple premises, special pujas will be performed in the temple instead of the Jatra, according to the Taluk Administration officials.

Pedestrian killed as truck hits

Bherya, Feb. 10 (KS)- A pedestrian was killed on the spot while another suffered serious injuries when a truck hit them at Bherya village in K.R. Nagar taluk yesterday evening.

While the deceased has been identified as Ramanayaka (60), a resident of Singanahalli village in K.R. Pet taluk, the seriously injured is 65-year-old Swamygowda. He (Swamygowda) has sustained a fracture to his legs and has been admitted to the District Hospital in Mysuru.

Following illness, Ramanayaka and Swamygowda had come to the Primary Health Centre (PHC) at Bherya and after availing treatment, they were walking on the roadside to catch a bus to their village, when a truck proceeding from Mysuru side hit them. This resulted in Ramanayaka being killed on the spot and Swamygowda sustaining a fracture as the truck ran over his legs. Swamygowda was rushed to the hospital in Bherya, where he was provided first-aid and was later shifted to the District Hospital in Mysuru.

Saligrama Police, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar, shifted the body of Ramanayaka to K.R. Nagar Hospital for post-mortem, seized the truck, arrested the truck driver and have registered a case.

Obituary

M.S. Gopalakrishna

Mysuru, Feb. 10- M.S. Gopalakrishna (66), great grandson of Mysuru Thathaiah and son of late M.S. Srinivasa Rao and Parvathamma couple, passed away on Feb. 5 in Bengaluru.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held on Feb. 7 in Bengaluru.

Nellira Jyothi

Nellira Jyothi (Karthura), wife of Nellira Girish and a resident of 3rd Cross Ramakrishnanagar, passed away yesterday night in city. She was 55.

A native of B. Shettigeri in Kodagu, she leaves behind her husband, one son and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

K.L. Devaraje Urs

K.L. Devaraje Urs (96), a resident of Kuvempunagar, passed away yesterday afternoon in city.

He leaves behind three sons and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the Urs Burial Grounds this morning.

Sampath Kumar

Sampath Kumar Beechanahalli (65), a resident of Sathagalli 2nd Stage, passed away yesterday in city following brief illness. He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this noon.

Ex-Serviceman H. Balakrishna

H. Balakrishna (73), an ex-serviceman and a resident of Sharadadevinagar, passed away yesterday in city.

He had served in the Indian Army for more than 20 years at Kashmir, Chennai and Secunderabad before retiring from service.

A native of Hassan, he leaves behind his wife Anusuya, daughters Rekha and Rashmi and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this mornings.

Gururaj Shenoy

Gururaj Shenoy (45), a resident of Agrahara, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Jayashree, two children and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday evening.

Virupakshaiah

Virupakshaiah (79), retired Revenue Officer and a resident of Vishveshwaranagar 2nd Stage, passed away yesterday evening in city. He leaves behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds at Vidyaranyapuram this afternoon.

Beeregowda

Beeregowda (72), a resident of Kerehundi village in the taluk, passed away at the village. He leaves behind his wife, two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Kerehundi village.

Rathnamma

Rathnamma, a resident of Katwadipura village in the taluk, passed away yesterday at the village. She leaves behind her husband and two children.

Last rites were performed at Katwadipura this afternoon.

Ummer Khan

Ummer Khan (16), a resident of Bannimantap, who was pursuing his 1st PU at St. Philomena's College, passed away yesterday evening at a private hospital following brief illness. He leaves behind his parents, three sisters.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held today after Zohar prayers at Masid-e-Ibrahim in Bannimantap, followed by burial at Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Unidentified man dies

Mysuru, Feb. 10 (KS)- An unidentified man, who had fallen on the road divider on H.D. Kote Road on Feb. 1 and admitted to K.R. Hospital, has breathed his last at the hospital on Feb. 6 at about 8.01 am.

The deceased, who is aged about 55 years, is 5.5 ft. tall, wheatish complexioned, oval faced and normal built. The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Vidyaranyapuram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418322 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Lights around Mysore Palace, Ring Road glow only for Dasara

Mysuru, Feb. 10 (RK, GA& BCT)- There are certain lights in Mysuru that glow only during Dasara and only after the intervention of Ministers and elected representatives. Be it the lights along the 42.1 km Ring Road or the ornamental lights around the Palace. After Dasara, the stretches are dark, becoming a nightmare for commuters and pedestrians.

Every year it is the same story and the hapless residents of Mysuru have to bear with this system that glorifies heritage and public convenience only during the annual festival season when every other money-making activity picks up. Rest of the time they are completely ignored, for obvious reasons.

Take for example the lights around Mysore Palace in the heart of the city where lakhs of tourists come. Ornamental lights were installed around the magnificent structure in 2011 to compliment the heritage character. But as the wiring work has not been done efficiently, the lights do not glow.

Only during Dasara, these wires are reattached and insulated so that they can glow for a month or so. They are repaired during the days of illumination so that they are not left out. The grants for this project were allocated in 2011 of the Rs. 100 crore released by the State Government after the then District Minister Shobha Karandlaje intervened.

Ward 51 Corporator B.V. Manjunath told *Star of Mysore* that Shobha Karandlaje realised that only ornamental lights could enhance the beauty around the Palace. "But those who obtained a tender for this project abandoned after completing over 50 percent of the work. The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) took the contractor to the Court and the case is still going on," he said.

Overhead wiring has been done to these ornamental lights and as such, the lights have a capacity to glow for just three hours continuously. "If used more, the lights are likely to burn. We have taken up the issue and the lights will glow soon," Manjunath added.

Vinay, Junior Engineer, MCC electrical wing, said that the overhead wires have to be replaced by underground wires and a dedicated cable has to be laid. "A tender worth Rs. 30 lakh has been finalised and works will begin soon," he added.

Ring Road perpetually dark

If overhead wiring is a problem around the Palace and tender has been called to lay underground wires, on the Ring Road, this underground wire itself is a problem as rats and rodents have eaten away the wires and special funds are needed to restore them.

All the 2,135 poles have underground wires, a special insulation method is needed to prevent rodents from chewing away the wires. The electrical wing of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) is preparing a project estimate to relay the wires and also fix 4,270 LED bulbs on 2,135 poles.

"The estimate will be placed before the next MUDA meeting and subsequently it will be sent for Government approval," officials said. But even after the wires are replaced and LED bulbs are fixed, the question will remain as to who will foot the electricity bill.

In the past too there was this problem as the Ring Road comes under the areas controlled by the MUDA and also Mysuru City Corporation. While the MUDA has always argued that MCC has to maintain them, the MCC has argued that it is the responsibility of MUDA.

Here too during Dasara, usually the District Minister decides that both MUDA and MCC will foot the bill at the rate of 50:50 ratio. This is done every year and the lights come back to life for just a month or so. Later, they are dark again, back to normal.

MLA undertakes padayatra in Chamaraja Assembly segment

Mysuru, Feb.10 (RK&DM)- Chamaraja MLA L.Nagendra undertook a *padayatra* in various localities of the Assembly segment on Wednesday to hear public grievances.

Nagendra, who began his *padayatra* from Sri Anjaneyaswamy temple in Vontikoppal, inspected road development, drainage networks and other civic amenities in the area.

After receiving complaints, Nagendra directed the officials to address street lights and drinking water problems in the locality. He also instructed to install a drinking water plant out of the Rs.14 lakh grant under the MLA Local Area Development Fund.

Upon noticing blocked drainages which have become a breeding ground for mosquitos, the MLA asked the MCC health authorities to clean the drainages. He also directed CESC authorities to replace dilapidated and unstable electric poles and to chop off tree branches and dead trees that are coming in the way of power lines.

Besides, he asked the authorities to replace signboards of main and cross roads with new ones, as most of them are in bad shape.

Regarding complaints about miscreants creating nuisance near PU College in Naryanaswamy Block, Nagendra directed the jurisdictional V.V. Puram Police to enhance Police patrol in the area.

Expressing displeasure over displacement of stone slabs at the vegetable market lane near Andal Mandiram in Vontikoppal, Nagendra asked the authorities to remove stone labs and lay a concrete road on the stretch.

Nagendra also visited Gokulam crematorium, where he directed the officials to increase the height of the compound wall and construct footpaths and provide street lights and drinking water.

MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, Corporators SBM Manju, Bhagya Mahadesh and others accompanied the MLA.

Forest staff killed as rail barricade gate falls

Hunsur, Feb. 10 (Hanagod Mahesh&KS) - A forest staff was killed when a rail barricade gate fell on him at Nagarahole Reserve Forest yesterday evening.

The deceased is Mahadevappa (58), a resident of Hommaragalli village in H.D. Kote taluk, who was working as a Wildlife Keeper at Kallahalli Forest Range in Nagarahole Reserve.

Yesterday evening, Mahadevappa travelled in the Forest Department vehicle to leave workers from Kolavige Tribal Hamlet who were hired to create fire-lines.

When they reached the rail barricade gate, installed to prevent wild elephants from entering human habitat near Kolavige Camp, Mahadevappa got down from the vehicle and slid opened the rail barricade gate to allow the forest vehicle to enter into the forest. At that time the heavy gate got fully opened and fell on Mahadevappa injuring him seriously.

Though he was being rushed to the Government Hospital in Hanagod, Mahadevappa is said to have breathed his last midway.

The body was shifted to Hunsur General Hospital, where post-mortem was conducted and it was handed over to the family members. Last rites were held at Hommaragalli village.

Allegation of irregularities in K-SET disappointing: Dr. Shelvapillai Iyengar

Mysuru, Feb.10 (PM&DM)- Stating that allegation of irregularities in the K-SET exam last year was extremely disappointing, KSOU Archaeology Department's Research Centre Head Dr. Shelvapillai Iyengar observed that all concerned should ensure that there is no scope for such allegations in the future.

He was speaking after releasing a study book on General paper (Compulsory paper) of UGC-NET/JRF/K-SET exams brought out by Sapna Book House at Patrakarthara Bhavan here yesterday.

Maintaining that competitive exams conducted by the UGC and other academic bodies should become more valuable, Dr. Iyengar said that any erosion in education and exams will lessen the credibility of the society.

Stressing on the need for having good teachers, he said that K-SET plays a key role in the selection of able and capable teachers and as such its sanctity should be maintained at any cost.

Pointing out that there was a time when jobs were guaranteed with the successful clearance of UPSC, UGC, K-SET and such other exams, he said that times have changed now with education and exams losing their values.

Maharaja Sanskrit College Principal Dr. K.M. Mahadevaiah said that the National Education Policy-2020 will usher in a change in the society. Maintaining that NEP will help in building morality among the student community and a value-based society, he said that Sanskrit should also grow along with our mother-tongue Kannada.

Social worker K. Raghuram Vajpayee, Vishweswaraya Housing Co-operative Society Director M.Venkatesh, Sapna Book House representative M.N.Manju and others were present.

The book is compiled by Dr. B. Anupama, Dr. Kavitha Biradar, H.S. Arun Kumar and Ramesh S. Puttannanavar, all faculty of Bengaluru's Karnataka Sanskrit University.

Nikhil to contest from Ramanagara?

Nikhil

Ramanagara, Feb.10- The Ramanagara Assembly segment in old Mysuru region, currently represented by Anitha Kumaraswamy of the JD(S), is in the news of late as Ramanagara district has turned out into a hotbed of politics for former Chief Minister and top JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy and KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar.

The silk town of Ramanagara, which is hardly about 50 kms away from the State capital Benglauru, has shot into news headlines as there are rumours that Nikhil Kumaraswamy, son of former CM Kumaraswamy, may contest from Ramanagara in the 2023 Assembly polls, in place of his mother Anitha Kumaraswamy. On her part, Anitha too is said to be inclined to leave the seat for her son Nikhil.

Nikhil Kumaraswamy had entered politics by contesting from Mandya Lok Sabha Constituency on a JD(S) ticket in the 2019 LS polls. However, he lost out to Sumalatha Ambarish, who contested as an independent candidate, with tacit support from the Congress and BJP, who did not field their candidates.

After losing the 2019 LS polls, Nikhil had kept away from politics for some time. But with the Assembly polls just a year away, Nikhil has again showed interest in politics and is often seen touring Ramanagara district these days.

Nikhil is also said to be regularly meeting party workers reportedly with an eye on the Assembly polls. Even Kumaraswamy has declared that his wife Anitha would not contest the 2023 Assembly polls from Ramanagara, which has so far been a JD(S) bastion.

Ramanagara district is also the home district of KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar, who is the MLA from Kanakapura and as such, the district is likely to witness a keen battle between the Congress and JD(S) in the 2023 polls.

As far as the BJP is concerned, the party does not have a strong base in the district. However, with Higher Education Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan put in charge of the district, the party is hoping for a better fortune and expects to put up a good show in the Assembly polls.

Hijab-Saffron shawl row: City Top Cop says NO to 'for & against' protests

Mysuru, Feb.10- Even as the Hijab-Saffron shawl row is raging across the State, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta has clarified that there is no permission for anyone to take out pro or against protests over the issue.

Pointing out that there is no permission for taking out rallies, holding demonstrations or any other forms of protests regarding pro or against Hijab, Dr. Chandragupta warned of legal action against those indulging in protests.

Cautioning against disturbing peace and harmony in the city, the Police Commissioner said that prohibitory orders under Section 144 of Cr.PC will be imposed if found inevitable.

Cold war in MUDA?

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The Chairman's two notes have caused huge confusion as there is no one to take any decision on MUDA administration. If the contents of the note is followed, a question arises as to who will take a decision on certain important administrative aspects at MUDA.

As per rule, the Chairman can decide on issues during MUDA meetings and to implement these decisions, the Commissioner has to make provisions and the Chairman has no role in this. Section heads and staff are a confused lot as to whose orders to obey — the Chairman or the Commissioner.

The employees are worried about the plight of MUDA if they are forced to wait till the High Court adjudicates the case as this would bring all the file movements in MUDA into a grinding halt. As it is, the public has to wait for months for any small work to be undertaken by MUDA.

As per law, all the officers and section heads come under the purview of the Commissioner and Dr. Natesh has latched on to this provision and has asked the officers to function normally as the Chairman's note does not apply to them.

Animal Husbandry Dept. to impart free training in farming for youths

Mysuru, Feb. 10 (SSM) - The Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Mysuru, has organised free training in poultry, pig, goat and sheep farming, dairying and animal husbandry for farmers, unemployed youths and general public.

The training will be for two days per batch of 40 members — Monday & Tuesday batch and Thursday Friday batch. The training camp will commence from Feb. 24 and go on till March at the premises of Veterinary Hospital in Chamundipuram, Mysuru.

Interested may register their names at the nearby Taluk Veterinary Hospitals. For details contact, Mysuru Animal Husbandry Department Deputy Director Dr. C.R. Gopinath on Ph: 0821-2420606 or Mob: 94483-50216; City Veterinary Hospital Chief Veterinarian Dr. K. Balaraju on Mob: 98450-96933 or Ph: 0821-2423451; Nanjangud Veterinary Hospital Chief Veterinarian Dr. H.T. Shashidhara on Ph: 08221-226742 or Mob: 94804-77243; K.R. Nagar Veterinary Hospital Chief Veterinarian Dr. D.N. Nagaraju on Ph: 08223- 262617 or Mob: 98456-23137; Hunsur Veterinary Hospital Chief Veterinarian Dr. Lingaraju H. Doddamani on Ph: 08222- 252098 or Mob: 94483-14996; Periyapatna Veterinary Hospital Chief Veterinarian Dr. B. K. Somaiah on Ph: 08223-273112 or Mob: 94493-91811; T. Narasipur Veterinary Hospital Chief Veterinarian Dr. Chennabasappa on Ph: 08227-261467 or Mob: 91649-69898; H.D. Kote Veterinary Hospital Chief Veterinarian Dr. Lingaraju on Ph: 08228- 255241 or Mob: 99004-29993; Saragur Veterinary Hospital Chief Veterinarian Dr. Y.D. Rajanna on Mob: 88925-80150.

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16586	Mangaluru	KSR Bengaluru	03.15	06.15	Mon, Wed & Fri	Fully reserved
12610	Mysuru	Chennai	05.00	07.45	Daily	Partially unreserved
16217	Mysuru	Shirdi	05.30	07.55	Monday	Fully reserved
17326	Mysuru	Belagavi	05.50	08.40	Daily	Unreserved
06256	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	06.10	09.15	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
16215	Mysuru	Bengaluru	06.45	09.35	Daily	Unreserved
16229	Mysuru	Varanasi	07.20	09.55	Tue & Thu	Fully reserved
16023	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	08.10	11.00	Daily	Unreserved
07345	Chamarajanagar	KSR Bengaluru	09.05	13.15	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
12975	Mysuru	Jaipur	10.30	12.55	Thu & Sat	Fully reserved
12578	Mysuru	Darbhanga	10.30	13.35	Friday	Fully reserved
12613	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	11.30	14.00	Daily	Partially unreserved
16315	Mysuru	Kochuveli	12.50	16.35	Daily	Fully reserved
17307	Mysuru	Bagalkot	13.25	16.35	Daily	Partially unreserved
06258	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	13.45	16.55	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
12008	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	14.15	16.10	Daily Except Wed	Shatabdi Express
16557	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	14.30	17.20	Daily	Unreserved
12786	Mysuru	Kacheguda	15.15	17.40	Daily	Partially unreserved
16535	Mysuru	Solapur	15.45	18.35	Daily	Partially unreserved
16232	Mysuru	Mayiladuturai	16.30	18.50	Daily	Fully reserved
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	16.55	20.20	Daily	Partially unreserved
16236	Mysuru	Tuticorin	18.20	20.55	Daily	Partially unreserved
16592	Mysuru	Hubballi	18.35	21.40	Daily	Partially unreserved
16210	Mysuru	Ajmer	19.00	22.10	Tue & Thu	Fully reserved
16227	Mysuru	Talguppa	19.30	22.55	Daily	Partially unreserved
22681	Mysuru	Chennai	20.10	22.50	Wednesday	Fully reserved
16022	Mysuru	Chennai	21.00	23.45	Daily	Fully reserved
06560	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	22.20	01.15	Daily	Unreserved
11065	Mysuru	Renigunta	22.55	01.30	Friday	Partially unreserved
22818	Mysuru	Howrah	23.45	02.00	Sunday	Fully reserved

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22817	Howrah	Mysuru	01.10	03.45	Sunday	Fully reserved
16218	Shirdi	Mysuru	01.50	04.40	Thursday	Fully reserved
06559	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	02.05	05.15	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
16021	Chennai	Mysuru	04.00	06.40	Daily	Fully reserved
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	04.30	07.00	Daily	Partially unreserved
16228	Talguppa	Mysuru	05.05	08.20	Daily	Partially unreserved
22682	Chennai	Mysuru	05.25	08.00	Friday	Fully reserved
16231	Mayiladuturai	Mysuru	06.00	09.10	Daily	Fully reserved
16591	Hubballi	Mysuru	06.00	08.45	Daily	Partially unreserved
12785	Kacheguda	Mysuru	06.45	09.35	Daily	Fully reserved
16235	Tuticorin	Mysuru	07.15	10.20	Daily	Partially unreserved
16536	Solapur	Mysuru	07.30	10.45	Daily	Fully reserved
16316	Kochuveli	Mysuru	08.35	11.20	Daily	Fully reserved
06257	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	09.20	12.45	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
06567	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	10.30	13.20	Daily	Unreserved
12007	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.50	13.00	Daily Except Wed	Shatabdi Express
17308	Bagalkot	Mysuru	11.15	14.10	Daily	Partially unreserved
16024	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	13.00	16.15	Daily	Unreserved
12976	Jaipur	Mysuru	13.15	15.55	Wed & Fri	Fully reserved
12614	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	15.15	17.45	Daily	Partially unreserved
07346	KSR Bengaluru	Chamarajanagar	15.35	18.35	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
12577	Darbhanga	Mysuru	17.15	20.00	Thursday	Fully reserved
17325	Belagavi	Mysuru	17.45	20.40	Daily	Partially unreserved
16216	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	18.15	21.05	Daily	Unreserved
06255	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	19.00	22.10	Daily	Unreserved
12609	Chennai	Mysuru	19.50	22.50	Daily	Partially unreserved
16585	KSR Bengaluru	Mangaluru	20.30	23.00	Wed, Fri & Sun	Fully reserved
16230	Varanasi	Mysuru	20.45	23.30	Mon & Sat	Fully reserved
11066	Renigunta	Mysuru	23.20	01.50	Saturday	Partially unreserved
16209	Ajmer	Mysuru	23.30	02.15	Tue & Sun	Fully reserved

TOWARDS HASSAN, ARSIKERE, DAVANGERE, HAVERI, HUBBALLI, DADAR, NEW DELHI AND BACK

Train	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service	
16206	Mysuru	Talguppa	06.00	13.15	Daily	Partially unreserved
11036	Mysuru	Dadar	06.15	05.30 (next day)	Sunday (Mysuru)	Fully reserved
07313 (Express)	Mysuru	Yesvantpur	07.45	10.55 (Hassan)	Daily	Unreserved
06225	Mysuru	Shivamogga	10.15	16.25	Daily	Unreserved
06214	Mysuru	Arsikere	17.45	21.50	Daily	Unreserved
12781	Mysuru	Hazrat Nizamuddin	20.10 (Fri)	17.50 (Sun)	Friday	Fully reserved
17301	Mysuru	Dharwad	22.30	08.05	Daily	Partially unreserved
07302	Dharwad	Mysuru	21.05	07.20	Daily	Partially unreserved
06213	Arsikere	Mysuru	05.00	09.25	Daily	Unreserved
06226	Shivamogga	Mysuru	11.15	16.50	Daily	Unreserved
07314 (Express)	Yesvantpur	Mysuru	16.05 (Hassan)	19.40	Daily	Unreserved
11035	Dadar	Mysuru	21.30	21.40 (next day)	Thursday (Dadar)	Fully reserved
16205	Talguppa	Mysuru	15.00	22.15	Daily	Partially unreserved
12782	Hazrat Nizamuddin	Mysuru	05.10 (Mon)	03.30 (Wed)	Monday	Fully reserved

TOWARDS MYSURU TO CHAMARAJANAGAR AND BACK

Train	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service	
07327	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	05.00	06.35	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	07.20 (Mys)	09.10	Daily	Partially unreserved
06233	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	09.15	10.55	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
07346	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	19.00	20.45	Daily	Unreserved
07345	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	07.15	08.50	Daily	Unreserved
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	15.30	16.45	Daily	Partially unreserved
06234	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	17.00	18.40	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
07328	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	21.30	23.10	Daily Passenger	Unreserved

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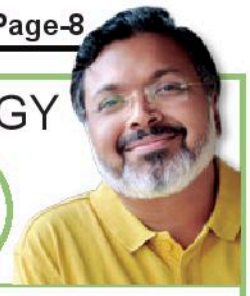

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There is no Yagna without Yoga

In the Vedic world, to practice *dharma* meant performing *yagna*. *Yagna* was translated by European Orientalists as sacrifice. But in sacrifice, you give something to appease a deity who needs nothing from you but your loyalty and obedience. In *yagna*, you exchange. You give in order to receive. You feed a God and the God is obliged to feed you back. The assumption here is that God is hungry. He needs praise and food. When he gets what he wants, he gives what you want.

Exchange is an indicator of humanity, for it shows empathy for the other's hunger. This act of feeding others and letting others feed you, is also *karma yoga*, the yoga of action, described in the famous Hindu scripture *Bhagavad Gita*. For in *yagna*, you have control on the giving, but no guarantee of receiving. You need to trust that those whom you feed will eventually reciprocate. More importantly, their failure to reciprocate will not shatter your faith in humanity.

Bhagavad Gita is part of epic Mahabharata where hundred brothers with eleven armies fight five brothers with seven armies over property. The strong refuse to share their wealth with the weak, even though the weak are family members, even after the weak are willing to compromise. This leads to a war, which is called *dharma-yuddha*, or the battle for civilisation. Civilisation will collapse when the strong dominate the weak, when laws benefit the mighty rather than the meek, for then civilisation will resemble the jungle.

Bhagavad Gita talks about *yagna* as well as *yoga*. *Yoga* is traditionally defined as the uncrumpling of the human mind. The human mind is unique. It is blessed with imagination, so can be expanded with wisdom and contracted with hunger and fear. *Yoga* enables expansion of mind, by unknotting the knots of hunger and fear that contract the mind. *Yagna* truly happens when it telescopes into *yoga*. For *yagna* demands giving away what you have to someone else. What is mine is yours, is the essence of the word *'svaha'* uttered when making an offering in the hope that the God, pleased with what he receives, will reciprocate and give what we desire, saying, *'tathastu,'* or so be it. I give what I have to get what I want: this is the principle of *yagna*, as well as economics.

To take things, without giving things, is exploitation. In *yagna*, you give in order to receive. But if you give, only to receive and not to satisfy the needs of the other, you do not expand your mind. Your mind focused on your hunger will stay contracted. To expand, your mind needs to empathise with the hunger of those you are feeding. You need to see the other, gain insight into their hungers and fears and reflect on your own hunger and fear, what makes you cling to what you have, what prevents you from trusting others to reciprocate.

This act of seeing in order to gain insight about the other and reflect on the self, is called *darshan*. It helps you take responsibility without expecting others to reciprocate. It demands you resist the urge to control the other, force them to comply or agree with your point of view. You learn to acknowledge, appreciate and accommodate other points of view, shaped by hunger, fear and imagination. When this happens the crumpled contracted mind uncrumples and expands. The expanded mind is called *brahmana* in Veda, from the roots *'brah'* meaning expand and *'manas'* mind.

If the early Vedic texts talk about *yagna*, then the later Vedic texts, known as Upanishads or Vedanta, talk about *yoga*, about the journey from *ahamkara*, which is the crumpled hungry and insecure mind, to *atma*, the uncrumpled expanded tranquil mind. The *atma* is the expanded mind that thinks about the other's role in creating the self. It values exchange over sacrifice, trade over raid and favour a healthy mutually beneficial balance of payments. For this to happen, *yagna* and *yoga* need to work together.

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Govt. School gets new look

Mysuru couple lend helping hand through NGO

Volunteers engaged in painting the Government Higher Primary School (GHPS) building at Gandhinagar in H.D. Kote.

Mysuru, Feb. 10 (BNR&MTY)- In order to bring life and add colour to the Government School built around 45 years ago in H.D. Kote, a Mysuru couple with the help of an NGO, named Upkriti, and its 15 volunteers, have given it a facelift.

On request from M. Padmini, the Head Mistress of Government Higher Primary School (GHPS), Gandhinagar in H.D. Kote, Mysuru couple Balasubramanyan and his wife Swarnalatha, along with their friends, came forward to help renovate the school.

There are 80 students studying from 1st to 7th standards in the school with only three teachers — Aswal M. Padmini and Noor Ayesha of Hunsur and Kaveri of Mysuru.

The school has seven classrooms out of which two classrooms are in a dilapidated condition. A request has been sent to the Government to demolish the two classrooms and reconstruct them. In four of the remaining five classrooms, water was leaking from roof during rainy season.

Hence, the Mysuru couple through the NGO took up the renovation of the school.

On Feb. 5 and 6, the volunteers including professional artists, engineering students, advocate and software engineers, worked at the School and gave a beautiful makeover to the school that includes waterproof painting on walls, Nali Kali theme painting for classrooms and donation of computers.

Cartoon characters too find a place on the walls of Nali Kali classrooms. The volunteers are giving in their time each weekend without any compensation in return, so that they can help children enjoy their time at school.

The NGO has also promised the school to get the toilets and dining hall constructed.

Upkriti NGO Founder-President N. Chandan, along with volunteers Manasa, Kruthik, Sushmitha, Amrutha, Darshan, Medha, Prakruthi, Kiran, Sanjay, Naushin, Tahreen, Vishal, Lohith, Inchara, Harsha and artist Yellappa took part in giving the facelift to the building.

Rs. 1.20 lakh

When Balasubramanyan was in Gandhinagar to create awareness among the villagers about planting trees, HM Padmini had requested Balasubramanyan to provide some facilities to the school. Hence, Balasubramanyan and Swarnalatha couple visited the school and listed the facilities needed.

At first, with the help of their friends, the couple provided stationeries and study materials to all the students and later sports equipment was provided to the school. Finally, the school was given a new look by painting all the classrooms and also compound of the school at a cost of Rs. 1.20 lakh.

Linguistics Lab to come up

in Varakodu Government School

Mysuru, Feb. 10 (SPN&DM)- In yet another step concerning improvement of infrastructure in Government Schools, the Education Department authorities have proposed to set up a Linguistics Lab at Government Higher Primary and High School at Varakodu in the taluk.

Kannada Development Authority member Gubbigoodu Ramesh visited the School on Sunday for reviewing the facilities available there.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* after visiting the School, Ramesh said that the Authority has the power to set up such a Linguistic Laboratory in one Government School in every district.

Pointing out that the School has classes from 1 to 10, he said that the School has all infrastructure and there is no problem for setting up a Linguistics Lab.

Noting that the School has over 500 students, he said that most of the students are from rural areas and hence there is need for a Linguistic Laboratory to empower students with language skills.

He further said that an overhead projector screen is required for the Lab, for which he will try to get funds from the Government.

Varakodu Paper Mill owner Anantha Prasad, School teachers Narasimhamurthy, Shivaprasad and Ramesh were present during the inspection.

WORD OF THE DAY

Garble

Pronunciation: GAR-bul.
Meaning: Garble means "to so alter or distort as to create a wrong impression or change the meaning."
Origin: Garble comes from Anglo-French garbeler, meaning "to remove impurities or refuse from (spices)." The English word refers to distortion of speech or writing that makes its meaning unclear (impure).
Example: "We aren't very good as human beings at having good conversations in the first place, and then everything switched to Zoom, where body language often gets lost and signals get garbled." — Andreas Kluth

THE ODD WORD

Gamidolatry

Worship of marriage.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Greatest thing since sliced bread

Meaning: The idiom 'Greatest thing since sliced bread' means that something is the best and most useful innovation or development invented for a long time.
Origin: Sliced bread was first introduced in 1928 by Otto Frederick Rohwedder from Davenport, Iowa, who invented the first loaf-at-a-time bread slicing machine. However, the first record of the idiom is thought to be in 1952, where the famous comedian Red Skelton said in an interview with the Salisbury Times: "Don't worry about television. It's the greatest thing since sliced bread."
Example: "I've bought a new touchscreen computer, it's the greatest thing since sliced bread, I can't believe I ever worked without it."

QUOTE BOX

Good bread is the most fundamentally satisfying of all foods; and good bread with fresh butter, the greatest of feasts. **— James Beard**

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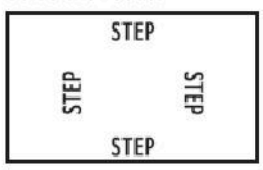

Answer: Step aside.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Tolerate
5 Area or district
9 Hostilities
12 Indian wheaten flour
13 Is obliged to pay or repay
14 Before, poetically speaking
15 Looks shamefaced (5,4,4)
18 Egyptian god of learning
19 "Seep" anagram for a famous German admiral
20 Curved path of a projectile
22 Himalayan kingdom
26 Giant American cactus
30 Risk or brave
31 Israel's __ Aviv
32 Like a bat, perhaps?
34 Communications Mgmnt. Unit
35 Mystery writer___ Stanley Gardener
37 Decency or propriety
39 Windies batsman Chris ___
41 Estimated life expectancy
42 Den
45 Eliminating races
49 Global?
53 Untruth, fib
54 The three of them
55 Sack
56 Arab sleeveless garment
57 Give assistance
58 Defect or blemish

DOWN
1 Thailand money
2 Arctic town - "hate" anagram?
3 ___ ___ cost : free ? (2,2)
4 _____ and bobtail : disreputable person?
5 Animal house
6 Has possession of
7 A turnip, in slang usage?
8 City of the Ruhr
9 Very small
10 Constellation next to Scorpius
11 "R" of VIBGYOR?
16 Brush-like growth
17 Take notice
21 _____ down : become less agitated?
23 Agreement
24 Battle group
25 Rumanian coin
26 Antitoxins
27 A friend in need
28 River, to Juanita
29 Wave in "la mer"
31 Another word for a young sheep
33 Our capital New ___
36 Vogue competitor
38 Accompany to point of departure or chase away (3,3)
40 Soil or dirt
43 Concerning, in legal terms - "rein" anagram ? (2,2)
44 Means of travel
46 Mr. Kapoor of "Beta" fame
47 Scarlett's home
48 Killed or slaughtered
49 Playback singer Arun
50 Point of a pen
51 Afternoon refresher
52 Acme

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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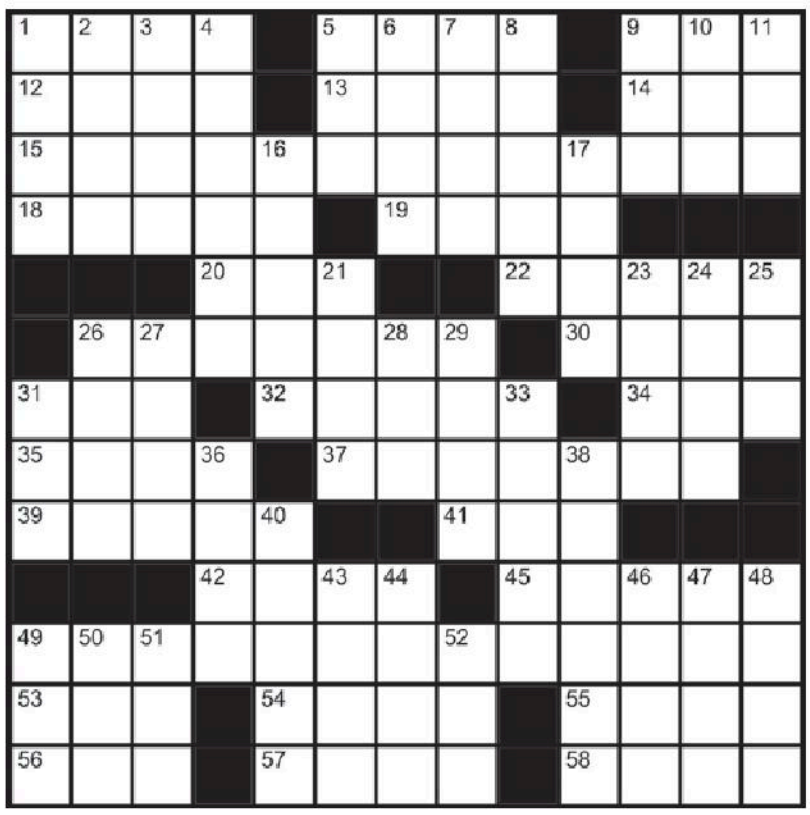

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	5		4				2	

Answer to previous puzzle

6	2	7	9	1	3	5	8	4
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8	9	4	5	7	2	3	6	1
2	7	8	3	6	4	1	9	5
4	1	6	2	5	9	8	3	7
9	3	5	1	8	7	2	4	6
7	8	2	4	9	1	6	5	3
1	6	9	8	3	5	4	7	2
5	4	3	7	2	6	9	1	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

HBL'V QLPC CTML TV HMKLB KEL CTML

KEPK HBL IHLV BHK CLPI.

TODAY'S CLUE: K EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: In an industrial society which confuses work and productivity, the necessity of producing has always been an enemy of the desire to create.

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Spider-Man: No Way Home (3D-E)	(S-1)	4.45 pm
Badava Rascal (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 4.15 pm
Halli Haikla Pyate Lifu (K)	(S-2)	1.25 pm
Karnan Napolean Bhagat Singh (Ma)	(S-2)	7.00 pm
Jadagatta (K)	(S-3)	10.55 am
Yaaro (Ta)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
Hridayam (Ma)	(S-3)	7.00 pm
Operation 72 (K)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Veeramae Vaagai Soodum (Ta)	(S-4)	11.10 am, 2.30 pm, 6.10 pm

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Veeramae Vaagai Soodum (Ta)	(S-2)	3.55 pm
	(S-3)	11.00 am, 2.30 pm, 6.05 pm, 9.40 pm
Jadagatta (K)	(S-4)	2.45 pm
Super Sharanya (Ma)	(S-4)	9.05 pm
Halli Haikla Pyate Lifu (K)	(S-4)	5.55 pm
Hridayam (Ma)	(S-1)	2.50 pm
	(S-2)	7.30 pm
Spider-Man: No Way Home (3D-E)	(S-1)	11.30 am, 6.30 pm
83 (H)	(S-1)	9.50 pm (S-4) 11.10 am

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Yaaro (Ta)	: 12.30 pm
Badava Rascal (K)	: 1.00 pm
Jadaghatta(K)	: 2.35 pm
Scream (2022) (E)	: 3.50 pm
Super Sharanya (Ma)	: 5.35 pm
Spider-Man: No Way Home (E-3D)	: 6.25 pm
Athadu Ame Priyudu (Te)	: 9.00 pm
Hridayam (Ma)	: 9.35 pm

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Bangarraju (Te)	: 12.30 pm
Badava Rascal (K)	: 3.50 pm
Halli Haikla Pyate Lifu (K)	: 6.40 pm
Pushpa (K)	: 9.40 pm

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	(S-4)	4.00 pm
		6.45 pm
DNA (K)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
		4.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Roots and Tuber Mela in city on Feb.12 and 13

Mysuru, Feb. 10- Roots and tubers are the underground secret treasures of nature which have many vitamins and minerals. Root vegetables are low in calories and high in antioxidants.

Roots and tuber crops that include potatoes, taro, cassava, sweet potatoes and yams are cultivated staple energy sources, only second to cereals. They favourably adapt to diverse soil and environmental conditions and a variety of farming systems.

Nutritionally, roots and tubers have a great potential to provide economical sources of dietary energy, in the form of carbohydrates. The energy from tubers is about one-third of that of an equivalent weight of rice or wheat due to high moisture content of tubers.

Tubers play a significant role in food security, nutrition and climate change adaptation. It is a symbiotic association of forests and human cultures, but this is at the crossroads as forests are on the decline. Many local communities preserve various varieties even to this day. They display a remarkable knowledge of the edible tubers that they gather or grow on the farms.

Several of these crops have been termed as being under-exploited and thus deserve more research input. In fact, they remain neglected and in this context a 'Roots and Tuber Mela' has been organised on Feb. 12 and 13 at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry in city from 10.30 am to 7 pm on both days by Sahaja Samrudha in collaboration with Rotary Club of Mysore West. Entry fee is Rs. 10.

The focus of this Mela would be to sensitise the urban community towards the benefits of tuber consumption and explore more value addition and include them into the cultivation.

Jenu Kuruba, Betta Kuruba, Soliga, Irula, Kunabi tribes will be participating in the Tuber Mela along with their tuber collection. More than 25 groups are bringing different kind of tubers, food items and value-added products for display and sale.

Rare roots and tubers like air potato, purple yam, black turmeric and arrow root seed material will be available for sale, according to a press release from Krishna Prasad of Sahaja Samrudha.

Cooking contest

'Cooking with Tubers,' a contest to cook the most healthiest and delicious food using roots and tubers has also been organised on Feb.13 (Sunday) to introduce its nutritional value.

Contestants must cook food with tubers at home and bring to the Mela at 11.30 am on Feb. 13.

Interested may contact Komal on Mob: 98809-08608 or 70900-09911 for details.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Thimmaiah of Chowdikatte village, Hunsur taluk, will display a giant-sized Greater Yam (Huttari Genasu).
- Horticultural Research and Extension Centre, Hassan, will display potato and sweet potato varieties.
- Limca Book of Records achiever and a cable operator by profession, Reji Joseph from Kerala is bringing different tubers for display.
- Supreet of Adakuru village in Periyapatna taluk, will exhibit and sell 60 different tubers.
- Jenukuruba Women Groups of Nagarahole will showcase Purple Yam.
- Mayasandra village farmers are bringing Air Potato for expo-cum-sale.
- Black, Green and Yellow turmeric, Mango Ginger, Arrowroot, different taro varieties will be available.

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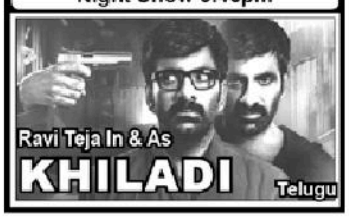

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